

Unit Investment Trust Funds

METRO\$ ASIAN INVESTMENT GRADE BOND FUND KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Month Ended April 30, 2024

FUND FACTS

Classification:	Bond - Long Term	Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVPU):	1.101888
Launch Date:	July 17, 2017	Total Fund NAV (in USD Mns):	1.24
Trust Fee (per annum):	1.0% based on NAV	Dealing Day	12:00NN for Branch Channels 2:30PM for Electronic Channels (any banking day):
Minimum Investment:	USD 500	Redemption Settlement:	3 Banking Days after date of redemption
Additional Investment:	USD 100	Early Redemption Charge:	50% of income on redeemed amount
Minimum Holding Period:	7 calendar days from date of participation		

COOLING-OFF PERIOD

Pursuant to BSP Circular No. 857, the TRUSTOR (individual participants) shall have the right to cancel their initial subscriptions or contributions, without penalty, upon written notice to the Trustee within two (2) banking days immediately following the signing of agreement or contract evidencing their participation in the Fund. Further, the net amount of payment or delivery due the TRUSTOR shall be based on the transaction day's NAVpu when notice of redemption, termination or cancellation was received.

FEES COLLECTED FOR THE MONTH¹

Trustee Fees:	Custodianship Fees:	External Auditor Fees:	Other Fees:
0.084%	0.001%	0.000%	0.000%
<i>Metrobank-Trust Banking Group</i>	<i>HSBC</i>	<i>SGV & Co.</i>	<i>Others</i>

¹ As a percentage of average daily NAV for the month valued at (in USD Mns): 1.34

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund is a dollar-denominated long-term bond Unit Investment Trust Fund that aims to achieve for its participants income generation and capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of investment grade fixed income securities issued within the Asian region with a maximum weighted average duration of eight years. The Fund's blended benchmark is composed of 90% JP Morgan JACI Investment Grade Total Return Index (JACIGTR) and 10% Philippine Dollar Deposit Rate Savings Deposit (PPSDUS\$).

CLIENT SUITABILITY

A client profiling process is performed prior to participating in the Fund to guide the prospective investor if the Fund is suited to his/her investment objectives and risk tolerance. Clients are encouraged to update the resulting profile every three (3) years or if there's any change in his/her personal/financial circumstances. Before deciding to invest, clients are advised to read the Declaration of Trust/Plan Rules of the Fund, which may be obtained from the Trustee, or seek an independent/professional opinion when necessary.

The METRO\$ ASIAN INVESTMENT GRADE BOND FUND is suitable only for investors who:

- Have an Aggressive profile.
- Want capital appreciation over the long-term by primarily investing in a portfolio of investment grade dollar-denominated fixed income securities.
- Recommended investment horizon is at least five (5) years
- Participation in the Fund shall be open to Filipino individuals, resident and non-resident aliens and corporate accounts.

KEY RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

You should not invest in this Fund if you do not understand or are not comfortable with the accompanying risks.

Interest Rate Risk:	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in interest rates. The purchase and sale of a debt instrument may result in profit or loss because the value of a debt instrument changes inversely with prevailing interest rates.
Market/Price Risk:	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in the market prices of bonds. It refers to the portfolio's exposure to marked-to-market valuation due to market price fluctuations of the bonds.
Liquidity Risk:	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to the inability to sell or convert assets into cash immediately or in instances where conversion to cash is possible but at a price that could result in a loss. This may be caused by low trading volume due to different reasons such as securities with small or few outstanding issues, absence of buyers and/or sellers (limited buy/sell activity) or underdeveloped capital market.
Credit Risk / Default Risk:	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to a borrower's failure to pay principal and/or interest in a timely manner on instruments such as bonds, loans, or other forms of fixed income security which the borrower issued. This inability of the borrower or counterparty to make good on its financial obligations may have resulted from adverse changes in its financial condition thus, lowering credit quality of the security, and consequently lowering the price (market/price risk) which contributes to the difficulty in selling such security.
Reinvestment Risk:	The possibility of having lower returns or earnings when funds mature and are reinvested. Investors in the UITF who redeem and realize their gains run the risk of reinvesting their funds in an alternative investment outlet with lower yields. Similarly, the UIT fund manager is faced with the risk of not being able to find better yielding alternative investment outlets as some of the securities in the fund matures.
Foreign Exchange Risk:	The possibility for an investor to experience losses due to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The exchange rates depend upon a variety of global and local factors, e.g. interest rates, economic performance, and political developments.
Country Risk:	The possibility for an investor to experience losses arising from investments in securities issued by/in foreign countries due to the political, economic and social structures of these countries. There are risks in foreign investments due to the possible internal and external conflicts, currency devaluations, foreign ownership limitations and tax increases of the foreign country involved which are difficult to predict but must be taken into account in making such investments.
Other Risks:	Your participation in the UITFs may be further exposed to the risk of any actual or potential conflicts of interest in the handling of in-house or related party transactions by Metrobank. These transactions may include own-bank deposits; purchase of own-institution or affiliate obligations (stocks, mortgages); purchase of assets from or sales to own institution, directors, officers, subsidiaries, affiliates or other related interests/parties; or purchases or sales between fiduciary/managed accounts.

The Fund invests only in high-credit quality assets which are evaluated using a rigorous internal scoring model required under the Trustee's accreditation process and BSP regulations. Internal risk limits and position limits together with regulatory exposure limits are monitored, reviewed and strictly adhered to on a daily basis. The Fund may also use financial derivatives solely for hedging risk exposures.

THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (PDIC).

RETURNS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND HISTORICAL NAVPU IS FOR ILLUSTRATION OF NAVPU MOVEMENTS/FLUCTUATIONS ONLY.

WHEN REDEEMING, THE PROCEEDS MAY BE WORTH LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT AND ANY LOSSES WILL BE SOLELY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE CLIENT.

THE TRUSTEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS UNLESS UPON WILLFUL DEFAULT, BAD FAITH OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.



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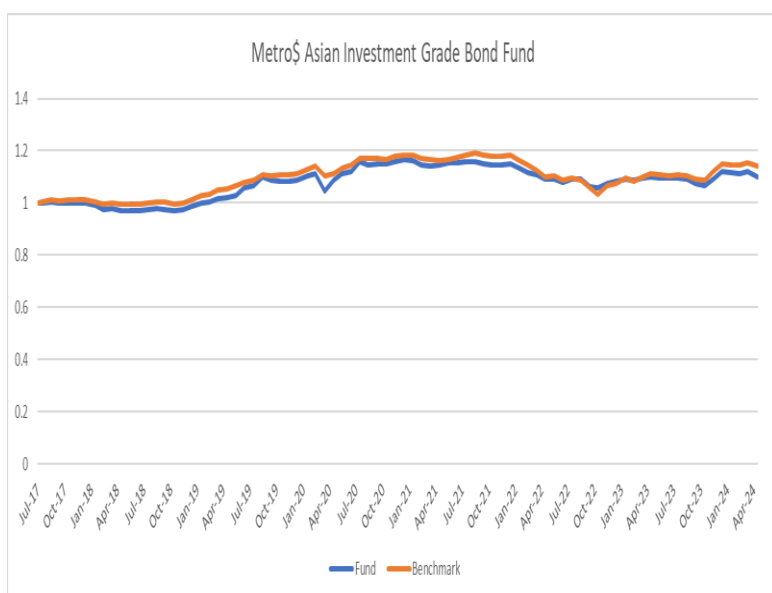
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FUND PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS as of

April 30, 2024

(Purely for reference purposes and is not a guarantee of future results)

NAVPu GRAPH



NAVPu OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Highest	1.121649
Lowest	1.059754

STATISTICS

Weighted Average Duration (in years)	4.07
Volatility, Past 1 Year (in %) ²	4.64%
Sharpe Ratio ³	-1.14
Information Ratio ⁴	-3.22

² Volatility measures the degree to which the Fund fluctuates vis-à-vis its average return over a period of time. The lower the number, the more stable the Fund's return is relative to its average return over time. Starting December 2017, computation is based on the annualized standard deviation of monthly returns.

³ Sharpe Ratio is used to characterize how well the return of a Fund compensates the investor for the level of risk taken. The higher the number, the better.

⁴ Information Ratio measures reward-to-risk efficiency of the portfolio relative to the benchmark. The higher the number, the higher the reward per unit of risk.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund	-1.527%	-1.365%	3.414%	0.129%	-3.965%	8.110%	10.189%
Benchmark	-1.055%	-0.514%	5.031%	2.670%	-1.912%	8.221%	14.074%

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Allocation	% of Fund
Government Securities	73.55%
Time Deposits	15.12%
Corporate Bonds	11.72%
Cash	7.40%
Other Receivables - Net of Liabilities ⁵	-7.78%

⁵ Includes accrued income from investments, receivables from brokers/counterparties and unpaid expenses.

Maturity Profile

Government Securities <1 year	16.45%
Government Securities >3-5 years	12.36%
Government Securities >5 years	44.73%
Corporate Bonds >3-5 years	4.03%
Corporate Bonds >5-7 years	7.69%

HOLDINGS

Name	Maturity	% of Fund
\$ROP	07.17.33	31.64%
\$ROP	10.21.24	16.45%
\$GENTD RCBC	08.09.24	12.50%
\$RDB	04.11.29	12.36%
\$ROP	02.02.30	9.88%
\$CBJFCPM	06.24.30	7.69%
\$CBMBT	03.06.29	4.03%
\$ROP	03.01.41	3.22%
MBTC USD TD	05.02.24	2.62%

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Transaction	Market Value (in USD Mns)
MBTC	Time Deposit Placement	0.03
MBTC	Corporate Bonds	0.05

Investments in the said outlets were approved by the Trust Committee. Likewise, all related party transactions are conducted on an arm's length and best execution basis and within established limits.



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INVESTMENT POLICY

The Fund may be invested and reinvested in the following instruments:

- USD-denominated deposits
- Other money market instruments
- Tradable Philippine sovereign, quasi-sovereign and corporate fixed income securities
- Tradable fixed income securities issued by other sovereign countries and foreign quasi-sovereign and private institutions
- Tradable US\$-denominated subordinated fixed income instruments issued by corporations and financial institutions
- Other investments allowed under BSP regulations

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Reflation turning into a stagflation? Does seasonality hint "Sell in May and go away"?

In the March FOMC meeting, rates were kept unchanged at 5.25% to 5.5% with some central bank officials dialing back rate cut expectation in 2024, as the progress to bring down inflation have stalled with the last 3 CPI prints signaling an upward bias. As of the end of April, markets anticipate only 1 cut in 2024 with the pivot in September.

Economic data begins to show a tug-of-war as CPI up-ticked to 3.5% YoY, PPI rose 2.4% YoY, while opposingly Q1-2024 GDP dropped to 1.6% QoQ as personal consumption declined to 2.5%, nonfarm payrolls added only 175,000 jobs, lower than the 243,000 estimates. The lag effect of the fastest rate hiking cycle in 4 decades may be triggering a stagflationary environment in the U.S. economy already. PMI for both manufacturing and services saw a decline, printing at 50 and 51.3, services recorded a third month of deceleration.

Conflict in the Middle East shocked markets in April, as Iran launched drone attacks on Israel. The response by Israel sent WTI to an intra-month high of USD87/ barrel. While no formal de-escalation has been set, Iran has announced that it will not be making further military action. Tensions in the Middle East sparked volatility across various markets leading to general risk-off, ending the 5-month rally in U.S. equity markets. The Dollar Index jumped to a high of 106.5, as gold pushed to a new all-time high of 2,400.

The bond market continues to expect a recession as US2Y vs US10Y yields remain inverted. The current inversion has shattered the previous record of 624 days, last observed in the 1970's. The US10Y moved jumped 48 bps as the probabilities for 2024 rate cuts decline due to renewed inflationary concerns. Despite the uptick in inflation, the US10Y formation seems to be hinting still on a bear-flag, where-in yields are expected to rise in the short to medium term but bearish in the longer term.

In the short to medium term, the evolving soft-landing narrative raises concerns about stagflation, given fiscal spending ahead of the 2024 U.S. Presidential elections, while suppression of consumption emerges from the high interest rate environment.

Currently, the fund has shifted to an overweight stance and seeks tactical repositioning to optimize cash holdings. Additionally, the fund is capitalizing on favorable dollar time deposit rates, offering a 90-day yield of 5.30%.

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